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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH TO THE PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY (PENZANCE DIVISION)

Gentlemen :

My Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 1959 is as follows :-
(in conformity with Form Port 20)

SECTION I - STAFF

(No Change)

SECTION II - AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR

TABLE B

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	Number Inspected By the M.O.H.	Number Inspected By Sanitary Inspector	Number of ships inspected as having or having had during the voyage Infectious Disease on Board
Foreign Ports	558	16121	54	18	Nil
Coastwise	492	167105	27	128	Nil.
	1050	183226	81	146	Nil

SECTION III - CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR

Character of Shipping. This consists of Coastwise steamers and motor vessels at Penzance . There is one regular passenger and cargo ship the R.M.S. "Scillonion" which runs between Penzance and the Isles of Scilly at Newlyn there is a regular traffic of steamers or motor vessels (average 500 tons) to and from Home and Foreign Ports (almost exclusively Northern European) with cargoes of crushed stone. In addition British and Foreign trawlers land fish for the Newlyn Fish Market

Character of Trade Cargoes landed at Penzance consists of Coal and General goods from Home

Ports and Flowers and agricultural products from the Isles of Scilly. There is a growing industry for small ship repairing in Penzance . Trade at Newlyn consists of the export of road stone to Home and Foreign Ports combined with an active Fishing industry and Fish Market

TABLE C

Passenger Traffic	Outwards) Inwards)	approx. 18,000 Day-Trippers, Holiday Makers and Business people to and from the Isles of Scilly during the year
Cargo Traffic	Principal Imports	Coal, Cement, General Goods, Flowers and Agricultural products.
	Principal Exports	General Goods and Coal to the Isles of scilly, Stone to Home and Foreign Ports.

Principal Ports from which ships arrive. Home Ports and the Channel Ports of France, Belgium and Holland

SECTION IV - INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

Nil

SECTION V - WATER SUPPLY

No Change

SECTION VI - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS 1952

No change

SECTION VII - SMALLPOX

1. Cases of Small Pox would be sent to the County Isolation Hospital at Truro.

2. Ambulance Transport and vaccinal state of the ambulance crews are the responsibility of the Cornwall County Council

3. The County Medical Officer of Health - who has a panel of four Consultants would be requested to supply the services of a Smallpox Consultant.

4. Facilities for the Laboratory Diagnosis of Smallpox are available at the Royal Cornwall Infirmary Truro

SECTION VIII - VENERAL DISEASE

(no change)

SECTION IX - Cases of Infectious or other notifiable Diseases on Ships

One case of Paratyphoid Fever was landed at Newlyn and admitted to the Isolation Hospital, Truro. No other case of Infectious or Contagious disease was ascertained during the year.

SECTION X - OBSERVATIONS ON THE OCCURRENCE OF MALARIA IN SHIPS

Nil return

SECTION XI - MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS INFECTED WITH OR SUSPECTED OF PLAGUE

Nil Return

SECTION XII - MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS FROM FOREGIN PORTS

No facilities for the de-ratting ships exist at Penzance or Newlyn

TABLES E AND F

No Returns

SECTION XIII - INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES

TABLE G. INSPECTION AND NUISANCES

Notices served

Nature and Number of Inspections		Statutory Notices	Other Notices.	Result of serving Notices
Ships from Foreign Ports	72	Nil	2 dirty Latrines) 1 dirty Gallery)	-
Coastwise Ships	155	Nil	1 dirty Gallery	Nuisance abated before leaving port.
Total	227	Nil	4	-

SECTION XIV - PUBLIC HEALTH REGULATIONS 1934 and 1948

Not applicable

SECTION XV MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS

Not Applicable

SECTION XVI - MISCELLANEOUS

During the year Medical Advices was given by Radio (via Land's End Radio Station) to 48 ships at sea, by the Medical Officer of Health or the Deputy Medical Officer of Health, Of these, 15 were instructed to put in to Mount's Bay and were boarded by the Deputy Medical Officer of Health to locate cause of sickness or accident for admission to the West Cornwall Hospital, Penzance.

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

(signed) W. Leslie, M.O.H.

SECTION XIII - INSPECTION OF SHIPS FROM MAIS CRS

TABLE 6. INSPECTIONS & DISCREPANCIES

Notices served

Nature and Number of Inspections		Sanitary Defects	Other Notices.	Result of Serving Notices
Ships from Foreign Ports	72	Nil	2 dirty latrines 1 dirty galley	-
Coastwise Ships	158	Nil	1 dirty galley	Nuisance abated before leaving port.
Total	227	Nil	-	-

SECTION XIV - PUBLIC HEALTH & SPECIALIST'S INSPECTIONS 1942

Not applicable

SECTION XV MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS

Not Applicable.

SECTION XVI - MISCELLANEOUS

During the year Lighted Buoys were given by Radio (Mid Lands's and Radio Stations) to 45 ships at sea, by the Medical Officer of Health or the Deputy Medical Officer of Health, of whom, 18 were inspected as regards to Sanitary Conditions and were boarded by the Deputy Medical Officer of Health on Inspection of sickness or accidents for admission to the Mass Burnhill Isolation, Penzance.

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) [illegible]

Medical Officer of Health.